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CARSON NATIONAL FOREST TO CONDUCT SHADY BROOK PRESCRIBED BURN

Taos, New Mexico, January 23, 2006 – Carson National Forest plans to conduct the first of its spring prescribed burn projects in the Shady Brook Area, tomorrow, January 24, 2006 weather and conditions permitting. This project is located off of highway 64 within the community of Taos Canyon. The plan is to burn 10 acres a day of piled debris left from a fuel break for a total of 200 acres during the next few months.

Unseasonable dry weather conditions have increased the urgency to reduce the hazardous fuel loadings to help reduce the likelihood of a crown fire adjacent to local communities. This will also provide safer conditions during a fire to allow firefighters to protect homes adjacent to national forest land, and to improve overall forest health. These prescribed burns are carefully planned and well staffed to meet the highest safety standards possible.

Smoke will be visible from the communities of Taos, Taos Canyon, Shady Brook, Valle Escondido and Taos Pines. For more information contact the Camino Real Ranger district at 505-587-2255.

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